

Northern Periphery Interreg IV Maritime Projects Proposals



The aim of the Northern Periphery Programme is to help peripheral and remote communities on the northern margins of Europe to develop their economical, social and environmental potential

The NP Programme would welcome project-funding applications aimed at developing peripheral and remote areas while ensuring environmental benefits to the area.

Maritime Safety projects within the NP Programme could be funded by applications under Priority 1 of the operational programme.

Promoting innovation and competitiveness in remote and peripheral areas

Maritime Projects in the NPP

Priority 1 of the NPP identifies the need of maritime safety for accessibility of the region in an environmentally friendly way and Priority 1: Objective 2 aims to facilitate development by the use of advanced information and communication technologies and transport in the programme area.

Promoting competitiveness is vital, as communities that are competitive are also more likely to attract investment, enterprises, skilled labour and young people. The competitiveness of the Northern Periphery is an aggregate of several factors that need to be nurtured and enhanced in the future. The NPP aims to address this issue by focussing on two key aspects to secure a balance and sustainable development of the area: innovation and accessibility.



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Accessibility

Competitiveness in peripheral areas is a complex factor, which is strongly influenced by accessibility. Accessibility is a key development issue for the NPP area and requires innovative responses to overcome the specific challenges presented. For example, within the Northern Periphery the arctic regions' features of long winters and harsh climate make accessibility a more costly challenge than in other parts of Europe. Natural handicaps of the NPP, such as mountainous areas, sparseness of population and island settlements, present additional accessibility challenges. Seizing the opportunities presented by new technologies and combining them with existing knowledge is crucial for prosperous economic development and growth of the area.

In dealing with these issues, maritime projects should consider using tools and strategies such as Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM); Multi-Hazard Management and Risk Reduction, Vulnerability Reduction by Spatial Planning and Civil Protection Integration, Joint Co-ordinated Approaches to Monitoring Disasters and Early Warning Systems.

Activities in the area of marine environmental policy and legislation, and in the area of maritime safety (e.g. the cross-programme initiative 'Maritime Safety Umbrella Operation') should be given due attention when preparing projects under this priority.

For more information please refer to the *Transnational Territorial Co-operation, Interreg IV Northern Periphery Operational Programme 2007-2013* available at: <http://www.northernperiphery.net/2007/library.asp>

Do You Have a Project?

The MSUO has researched the potential for maritime projects to be undertaken within the NPP area. This research has identified a number of potential project ideas, which have a maritime safety dimension. Partnerships, which wish to undertake these projects, could produce viable applications for Interreg IV funding within the maritime context of Priority 1.

The MSUO has been contacted by potential project partners with project ideas, which could be funded by the NPP IV Interreg Programme. Have you an idea? Or do you wish to participate?

The NPP Interreg IV Programme and MSUO have identified the following projects, which require partners to take forward funding applications.



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Shipping Policy, Marine Spatial Planning & Sustainable Management

- Ship operations in Arctic Seas
- The New Corridor (Northern Maritime Corridor)
- Development of common rules of use of AIS-data in Europe
- Development of marine awareness courses
- Modelling of coastal ecosystem response to protection measures
- Development of polluter pay principal at open sea
- Clean ships, renewable or clean power propulsion

Risk Management & Prevention

- Aerial surveillance harmonisation
- Preventing oil spills in inland waters and coastlines
- Risk assessment to small vessels from lost containers, identification of lost containers at sea using satellite technology such as transponders, response techniques and compensation issues relating to accidents involving container ships
- Extra uses of AIS (information about cargo, wind farms, places of refuge, traffic and risk probability)
- AIS / VTMS projects in the Minches / Pentland Firth
- AIS via satellite
- Implementing uniform Baltic Sea FSA (Formal Safe Assessment) system and connection to winter traffic to the system.
- Ballast water treatment and screening

Disaster & Incident Response

- Dispersant application harmonisation
- Oil spill recovery in difficult / heavy / icy conditions
- Monitoring, surveillance and response to chemical spills
- Development technical solutions to allow monitoring and assessment of the impacts of pollution
- Oil spill response and methods – particularly in adverse sea conditions

Do You Have Your Own Ideas for a Successful Maritime Safety Project?

Do You Need Project Partners?

The MSUO has been contacted by organisations and authorities who are looking for project partners across the NP Programme area. These include maritime authorities, ports, industry, environment protection agencies, NGOs,



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local authorities, education foundations and academic institutions. If you have a project or wish to participate in one, then contact the MSUO and we can put you in contact with other potential partners.

What You Should Do Next?

If your organisation has a project needing funding or if you would like to participate in one of the projects above, you should contact the MSUO as soon as possible. The MSUO can then put you in contact with other potential partners and the NPP Interreg IV Programme, exchange information and provide technical assistance when your partnership develops a funding application.

Maritime safety projects are being taken forward across the European Seas. The MSUO will work with successful projects to make sure that you are not working in isolation. The MSUO will bring projects from across Europe together to undertake joint work, exchange ideas and knowledge and participate in educational seminars on best practice. However, for this to happen you must make sure that you work closely with the MSUO as you develop your application from the earliest point. As with all initiatives, funding resources will be limited. It may not be possible for two or more similar projects examining the same issues to go forward. When similar projects are being developed, the MSUO can assist partnerships to merge and form coherent strategic projects.

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Good Luck in the next Programme!



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